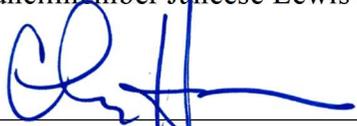


  
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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare April 2023 as “Child Abuse Prevention Month” in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Child Abuse Prevention Month, first commemorated in 1983, recognizes the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse and neglect and promotes the social and emotional well-being of children and families;

WHEREAS, every child has the right to develop and mature in a safe, secure, and supportive environment, free from violence, victimization, and neglect;

WHEREAS, in federal fiscal year 2021, 3.9 million reports were made to child protective services;

WHEREAS, research indicates that child abuse and adverse childhood experiences can have long-term psychological, emotional, and physical effects that have lasting consequences for victims of abuse;

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is a serious problem affecting every segment of our community and finding solutions requires input and action from everyone;

WHEREAS, our children are our most valuable resources and will shape the future

30 of the District of Columbia;

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32 WHEREAS, protective factors are conditions that reduce or eliminate risk and  
33 promote social, emotional, and developmental well-being of children;

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35 WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention activities succeed because of  
36 partnerships created within communities, human service agencies, schools, faith-based and  
37 community organizations, businesses, law enforcement agencies, and families;

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39 WHEREAS, the District recognizes the impact of bringing awareness to this issue,  
40 which unfortunately many District children and youth experience;

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42 WHEREAS, we acknowledge that we must work together as a community to  
43 increase awareness about child abuse and contribute to promote the social and emotional  
44 well-being of children and families in a safe, stable, and nurturing environment;

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46 WHEREAS, the Child and Family Services Agency, through the Keeping DC  
47 Families Together Initiative, promotes the well-being of families and works to prevent child  
48 abuse through promising policies, practices, and partnerships; and

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50 WHEREAS, the Council of the District of Columbia thanks and recognizes the  
51 community partners who work to prevent the tragedy of child abuse and neglect before it  
52 happens and keep the children of the District healthy and whole.

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54 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this  
55 resolution may be cited as the “Child Abuse Prevention Month Recognition Resolution of  
56 2023”.

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58 Sec. 2. The Council declares April 2023 as “Child Abuse Prevention Month” in the  
59 District of Columbia.

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61 Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in  
62 the District of Columbia Register.